



UPR 8th Session

Turkey

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation from Turkey, to this 8th session of the UPR and would like to wish them a very productive dialogue at this UPR session.

Mr. President,

The Maldives commends Turkey for its measures to ensure the protection for the rights of children and notes that Turkey's expansive and inclusive Law on Child Protection adopts a broader concept of the child as proposed by the Convention.

The Maldives notes that the Constitution of Turkey guarantees the right to a primary school education to all citizens. We also commend Turkey for its implementation of the 'Ninth Development Plan Strategy', which prioritizes the schooling of girls particularly in rural areas.

The Maldives welcomes Turkey's "zero tolerance policy" on torture and other inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the various legislative amendments it has introduced. However, the Maldives remains concerned about the numerous reports of torture and ill treatment in both detention centers and prisons. The Maldives recommends that Turkey quickly and effectively take positive steps to address this problem.

Thank you.